

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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EASTER et al.)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Serial No: 10/549,686)	<u>REQUEST FOR EXTENSION</u>
)	<u>OF TIME</u>
Filing Date: 22 March 2004)	
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Priority Date: 20 March 2003)	
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Atty File No.: 45568-00542)	
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For: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)	
OSSICULAR FIXATION OF		
IMPLANTABLE HEARING AID		
ACTUATOR"		
MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS		
Commissioner for Patents		
P.O. Box 1450		
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Dear Sir or Madam:

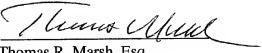
Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of four months to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements having a mailing date of April 27, 2006, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from the first deadline of June 27, 2006, to the date of October 27, 2006.

Please debit Deposit Account No. 50-1419 in the amount of \$795.00 as payment of the extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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